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Applicant(s): S. Shukuri, et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE HAVING
DEPOSITED LAYER FOR GATE INSULATION

Group: 2814

Examiner: L. Pham

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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August 20, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2004, Applicants respectfully elect the Group II claims, that is, claims 1-26, which the Examiner indicates is drawn to a semiconductor device. This election is made without traverse.

In addition, the election-of-species requirement set forth in Item 4, bridging pages 2 and 3 of this Office Action mailed July 20, 2004, is noted. Consistent with the requirement thereof, Applicants respectfully elect the "species of first embodiment of figure 1". It is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-26, of the elected invention, read on the elected species.

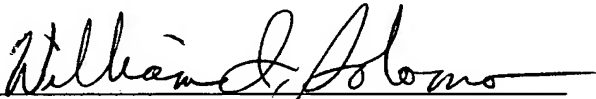
The statement by the Examiner in the first paragraph on page 3 of the Office Action mailed July 20, 2004, that a generic claim will be determined during the examination, is noted. Applicants await the Examiner's determination as to a generic claim, during the examination.

In summary, Applicants respectfully elect the Group II claims, and the species of the first embodiment of Fig. 1, for prosecution on the merits in the present invention. Of the Group II claims, claims 1-26 read on the elected species, and examination of claims 1-26 on the merits, in due course, is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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